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SOURCE Untested Egyptian informant who has good contacts in the entourage of the ex-Grand Mufti.

1. On 12 September 1952, Hajj Amin al-Busayni, the ex-Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, arrived in Cairo by plane from Lebanon, accompanied by the Lebanese representative of the Arab Higher Committee, Amil al-Ghuri. That afternoon the Mufti and Ghuri called on various delegates to the Arab League Conference in Cairo, with whom they discussed the Palestine question which is to be raised at the next meeting of the United Nations' General Assembly.
2. On 13 September, the ex-Mufti visited Egyptian Regency Council member Colonel Muhammad Rashad Mahanna, who assured the Mufti that he (Mahanna) was prepared to help the Mufti in any way possible.
3. On 14 September, a meeting was held at the Mufti's Cairo residence. The following members of the Arab Higher Committee attended the meeting: Ghuri, Hasan Abu-Sa'ud, and Muhammad Isbaq Darwish. The following points were discussed:
  - a. The situation of the Palestine Government, and whether remarks made on this subject at the meeting could be included in the report of the Arab League's Political Committee.
  - b. The preparation of the necessary documents on the Palestine question.
  - c. The compilation of statistics on losses and compensations of Arab refugees, and also a plan to bring together all members of Arab families.
  - d. The arranging of better representation at the Arab League for the Arabs of Palestine than that by Ahmad Hilmi, former Prime Minister of the All-Gaza Government, and President of the Arab Umma Bank.

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1. Washington Comment. The press of early October 1952 reported that the ex-Grand Mufti had returned to Lebanon.
2. Field Comment. According to informant, the Mufti feels that his position in Egypt is secure because he is a friend of Egyptian Premier Nafis, of Colonel Muhanna, and also of Minister of State for Propaganda Fathi Radwan.